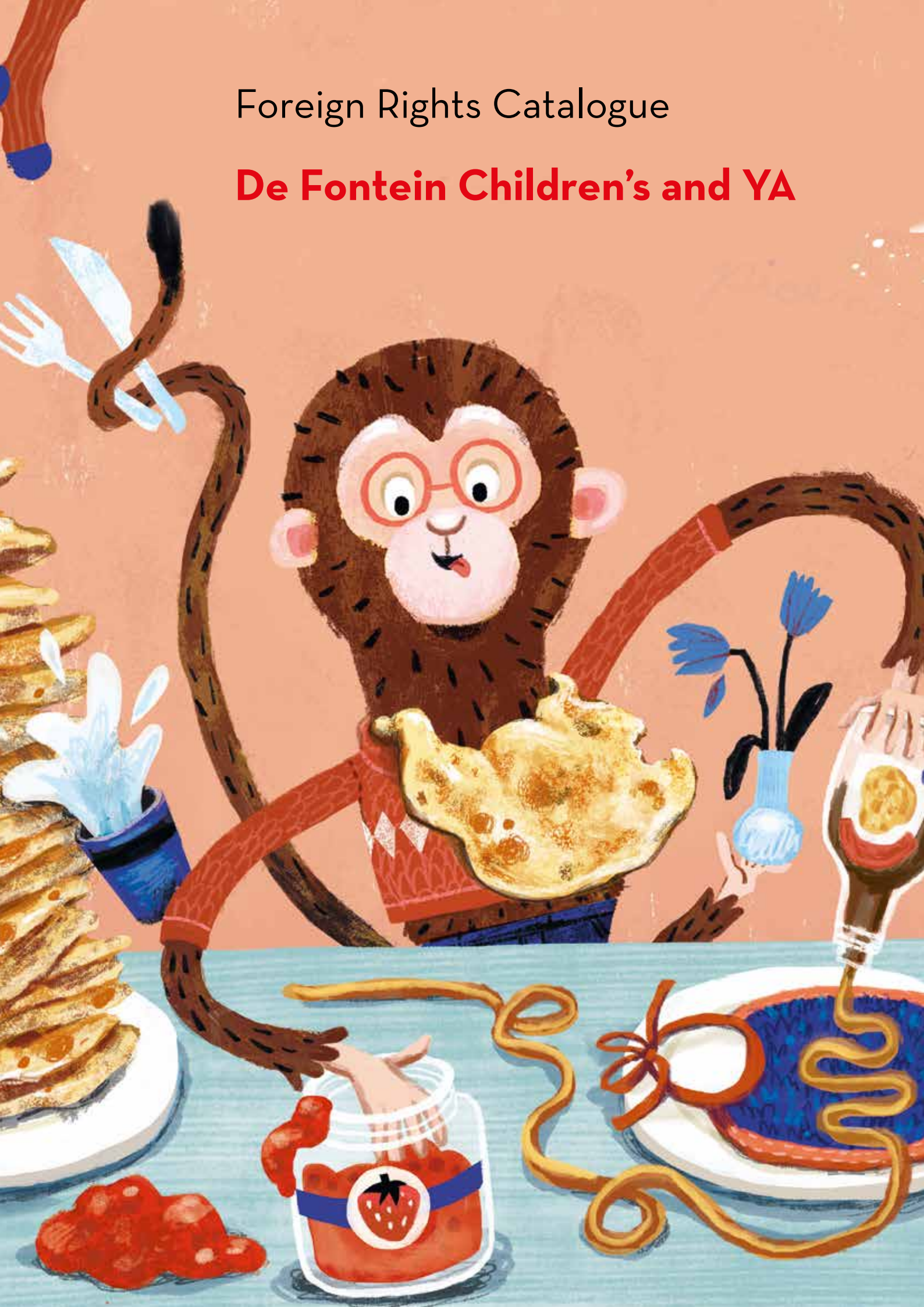


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## Children's and Young Adult Books

We are very pleased to present our Foreign Rights Catalogue 2023.

At present, De Fontein is the number one children's book publisher in the Netherlands. Moreover, it is one of the most prestigious publishing houses, with a reputation for high quality.

A deep-rooted commitment to the best of publishing is reflected in the quality of our releases. With an affinity for innovation and a touch of the rebellious, we publish books for young people ranging from newborn to young adult: picture books, novelty books, graphic novels, adventurous and humorous titles, both fiction and non-fiction and commercial as well as literary works.

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Jennifer Donnelly, Quentin Blake, Roald Dahl, Jonny Duddle, Oliver Jeffers, Jeff Kinney, L.D. Lapinski, E. Lockhart, Lincoln Peirce, Rachel Renée Russell and Dana Simpson are just some of the noteworthy authors we publish in translation.

In this catalogue, you will find outstanding new titles by leading Dutch authors:

Eva Burgers, Jozua Douglas, Peter van Gestel, Jannie van der Heijden, Cis Meijer, Elvin Post, Niki Smit, Ineke Upperman, Tjibbe Veldkamp, Mel Wallis de Vries and Margje Woodrow.

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We hope that you will be as enthusiastic about our titles as we are and that you will discover interesting new titles for your list.

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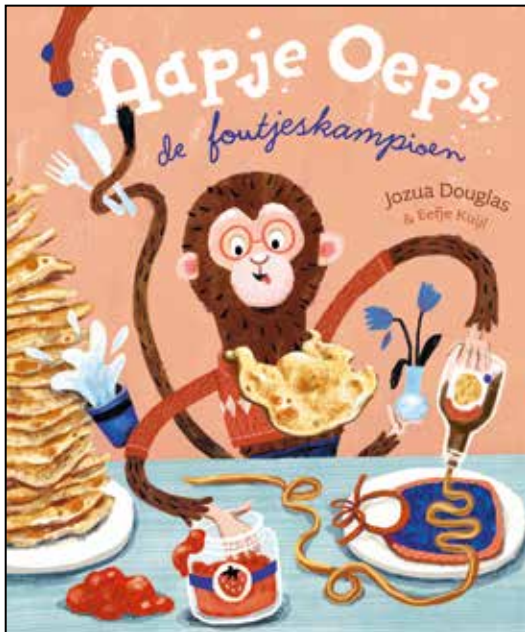
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# Jozua Douglas & Eefje Kuijl

## Monkey Mischief: Champion of Accidents

A funny adventure for young readers, beautifully illustrated



*Monkey's full of mischief and he's rather clumsy too.  
He wakes up in the morning and he pees in his shoe.  
He's the champion of accidents, he doesn't have a clue!*

**T**his humorous picture book by master narrator Jozua Douglas will be highly recognisable to parent and child. Monkey Mischief flounders around in this book. He is the champion of accidents, after all. Fortunately everything works out ok in the end. He turns out to be concealing an inner hero, like all of us.



### REVIEWS OF JOZUA DOUGLAS' PREVIOUS PICTURE BOOKS:

- 'A hilarious book to read to a child who may sometimes be scared of the dark and in fact any child at all' – *Nederlands Dagblad* on *Kiss-Kiss Crocodile*

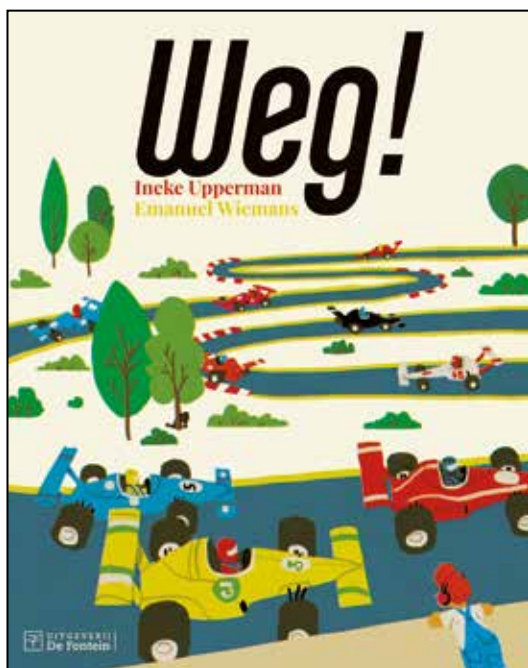
### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Jozua Douglas is a bestselling author of children's books
- Previous picture books by Jozua Douglas have sold internationally
- Full of detailed illustrations by Eefje Kuijl

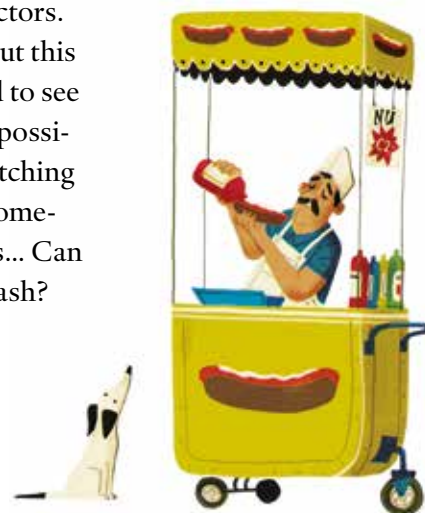
# Ineke Upperman & Emanuel Wiemans

## Off!

**Fast-paced picture book about all the sights and sounds of Formula 1**



**F**red is crazy about racing cars. Today is a special day: he is going to watch the Formula 1 with his dad! Outside the race track Fred can already hear the cars doing their test laps. But once inside, Fred's dad gives him a pair of ear protectors. Fred is embarrassed, but this makes him determined to see as much of the race as possible. And since he is watching so closely, he notices something nobody else does... Can Fred prevent a huge crash?



### REVIEWS:

- 'This beautiful picture book tells a funny story about all the impressions you get on the racetrack, where the senses play a big part in the story.' – Kinderboekenjournaal.nl
- 'What an exciting and cool story! Out with dad, eating hot dogs and also avoiding a crash? Fred does have quite an adventure in this story. The picture book *Off!* is a debut by writing talent Ineke Upperman. With large and colourful illustrations by Emanuel Wiemans, which complete the story.' – Stoerleesvoer.nl
- 'The book contains a lot of suspense and humour. The illustrations are very expressive and capture the atmosphere of a circuit well.' – Jufoni.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Stimulating debut from writing talent Ineke Upperman
- Illustrator Emanuel Wiemans is known for *Tim the Little Forester* and *Pinkie*
- Striking picture book about senses and racing cars
- Beautiful illustrations full of details to discover

Age: 3+ | 32 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English translation available

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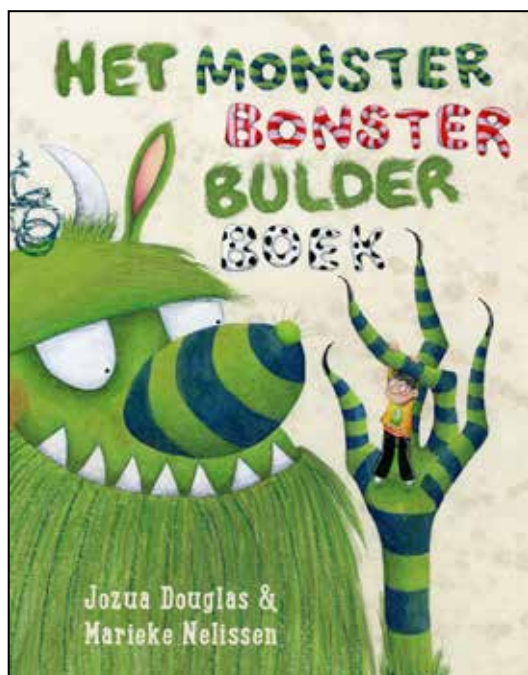
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# Jozua Douglas & Marieke Nelissen

## Monster Bouncing Booming Book

**Monstrously beautiful**



**B**runo magically turns his parents into monsters. But living with crazy monster parents isn't nearly as nice as he thought it would be. They are too noisy and too messy. Will Bruno be able to change his monster parents back to normal?



### REVIEWS:

- 'Wonderful picture book, in which the detailed drawings stand out well' – Libris.nl
- 'A gripping and colourful story, richly filled with expressive monster drawings. Very suitable for little monsters' – Pluizuit.be
- 'A beautiful story to read to toddlers and preschoolers' – Leespluim, jury report

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Jozua Douglas was awarded two Feather in the Cap awards by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury
- Beautiful illustrations by award winning illustrator Marieke Nelissen:
  - Longlisted for the Jan Wolkers Prize 2021
  - Awarded the Flag and Pennant in 2020
  - Winner of the Silver Independent Publisher Book Award for Children's Picture Book 2018
  - Winner of the Worldwide Picture Book Competition 2015

# Jozua Douglas & Loes Riphagen

## Kiss-Kiss Crocodile

### The perfect bedtime story



Tim can't sleep. Strange noises are keeping him awake. There are animals hiding in his bedroom: Pig-O-Tales, Tuck-Me-In Tiger and Cuddalo-Buffalo. These special animals help Tim feel sleepy. Still, it takes a goodnight kiss from the Kiss-Kiss Crocodile for him to sleep soundly.



#### REVIEWS:

- 'The plot, illustrations and words form a sophisticated and balanced whole.' – *De Leeswelp*
- 'A wonderful book that you close with a smile' – *Leestafel.info*

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Picture book by two award-winning authors
- Jozua Douglas is the author of the 2018 Children's Book Week gift book, with a print run of 355,000 copies
- Great bedtime story for children who refuse to go to sleep
- Nominated for Picture Book of the Year 2018

Age: 3+ | 32 pages

Sold to: Germany (Thienemann-Esslinger Verlag), China (Simplified Characters, Shanghai Juvenile Children's Publishing House)  
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# Tjibbe Veldkamp & Wouter Tulp

## Take My Hand?

Very funny book about a girl who knows how to get her own way



**A**nne wants to visit the apes, but her father wants to go home. Then she meets a boy whose father is going to the zoo. They swap fathers. Anne keeps swapping fathers until she reaches the apes.



### REVIEWS OF VELDKAMP'S AND TULP'S WORK:

- 'Veldkamp's name on the cover of a picture book makes it a guaranteed success.' – *de Volkskrant*
- 'Phenomenal read aloud book' – *Dagblad van het Noorden*
- 'A hilarious adventure, filled with colour and striking illustrations' – *Trouw*
- 'The drawings really pop, ready to step off the page.' – *Livre*

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the prestigious Silver Slate Pencil 2018
- Books by Tjibbe Veldkamp are already available in twelve languages
- A subtle reference to many adults' smartphone and tablet addiction



Jannie van der Heijden &  
Esther van den Nieuwenhof

## A Trip Through Europe

A playful and educational journey of discovery through beautiful Europe



**F**unny verses describe the adventures of two sisters on a trip through Europe.

Young children will learn all about capital cities, languages, flags, special buildings and places, as well as the most delicious dishes. Packed with information about eleven European countries, the book contains beautiful look-and-find scenes full of lively illustrations.

**Jannie van der Heijden is a teacher and writer. She enjoys travelling around Europe with her enthusiastic daughters. Esther van den Nieuwenhof has been drawing all her life and has turned her favourite hobby into her job. She is a big fan of Quentin Blake and Roald Dahl, whom she once met.**

### READERS ON A TRIP THROUGH EUROPE:

- 'The illustrations are wonderful! The children discover something new each time.'
- 'My nephew and niece can't get enough of it! Great for reading aloud before bed!'
- 'A must-read!'

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Fun and educational: discover Europe
- Free colouring and activity pages: [www.bonteboel.nl](http://www.bonteboel.nl)
- Playful look-and-find book and educational (read-aloud) book in one

Age: 4+ | 36 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.

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# Jozua Douglas

Jozua Douglas started his career writing poetry and won several prizes for it. He has since been writing for children. His books are incredibly funny and extremely popular.

Jozua received the Feather in the Cap from the Dutch Children's Jury for the first two books in his *Costa Banana* series. Both books were also chosen by the children's book panel of *De Wereld Draait Door* (the highest-rated television programme in the Netherlands at the time) as one of the best children's books of the year. With *The Nasty Swim Coach*, Jozua won the Hotze de Roos prize.

**Jozua Douglas' books have been translated into eleven languages**

**Film rights to *Costa Banana* have been sold to Phanta Vision and film rights to *The Nasty Swim Coach* have been sold to Room for Film**

**Over 300,000 copies sold of Jozua Douglas' books in the Netherlands**

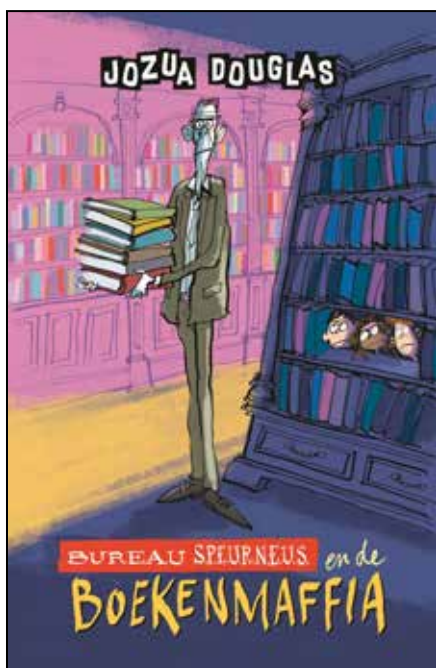
## **PRAISE FOR JOZUA DOUGLAS:**

- 'Jozua Douglas is the Dutch Roald Dahl!' – Arno Koek, bookseller
- 'Packed with humour and crazy, action-filled adventures' – *Trouw*
- 'A hilarious, exciting book for children who love stories with a good dose of humour' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'A cheerful book that you'll enjoy reading again and again' – Pluizuit.be
- 'Jozua Douglas is a master storyteller.' – *Overblijf Magazine*
- 'Closely resembles books by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake in writing style and illustrations' – CooleSuggesties.nl

# Jozua Douglas

## The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Book Mafia

New series from Jozua Douglas full of humour and adventure



**M**r De Bruin still believes that his son has a special talent. When he reads about a crime committed in the library, he thinks Lev should solve it. After all, Lev previously unmasked 'the nasty swim coach'. According to Mr De Bruin, the accused librarian cannot possibly be the culprit. While trying to prove this, he himself accidentally becomes the police's main suspect. Lev is then forced to take action, whether he likes it or not.

### REVIEWS:

- 'Jozua Douglas' books are always full of goofy and weird words. The biggest library rascal glues the pages of the most beautiful children's books shut with glue or smears them full of nasal mucus. If you find that funny, you'll have fun with this book.' – *Kidsweek*
- 'All children love Jozua Douglas. A bouncy ball full of funny ideas, he posts hilarious videos on YouTube. *The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Book Mafia* is equally humorous, both in text and drawings by Geert Gratama. A book that keeps you reading, for all ages.' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'The author once again provides a wonderfully relaxed and splendid story which will have you grinning from ear-to-ear.' – NBD Biblion

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Nominated for the Dutch Children's Jury Award 2022
- A new adventure featuring Lev de Bruin and his father, previously seen in *The Nasty Swim Coach*, for which Jozua Douglas received the Hotze de Roos Prize and for which film rights have been sold
- Start of a new series: *The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau*
- Packed with humorous illustrations by Geert Gratama

Age: 8+ | 208 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

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# Jozua Douglas

## The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Jungle Gang

Second instalment in the D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau series



**M**r De Bruin sees an advert: Arie de Haan is looking for detectives to find his missing brother, Cor. It is no ordinary assignment, but an event in which a number of amateur detectives compete against each other. Mr De Bruin signs up, but Lev has a funny feeling about it. His friends Daiza, Hugo and Yara decide to join too and keep an eye on Mr De Bruin. Then the children discover that, just as they suspected, something is not right. Cor is not missing at all...

### REVIEWS:

- ‘Just like part one, this is another wonderfully exciting and adventurous story. It is fluently written with lots of humour and funny puns. The chapters are not too long and everything is described so evocatively that you can see the whole adventure unfolding before you in all its colourful details!’ – Hebban.nl
- ‘Jozua Douglas has written another exciting and humorous book. (...) Arie’s language is really fantastic! This will get all the children laughing.’ – Soullie.nl

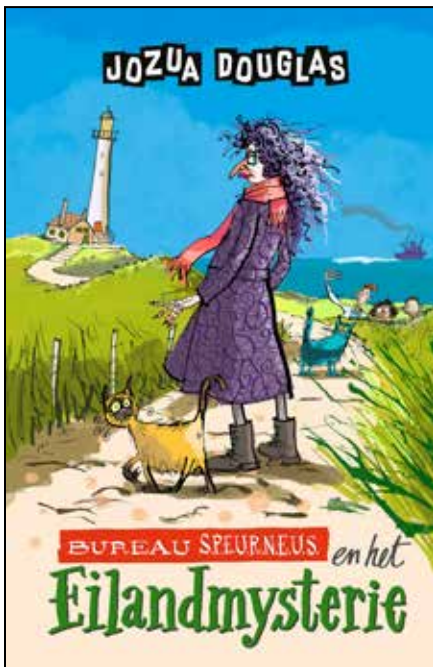
### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Nominated for the Dutch Children’s Jury Award 2023
- Jozua Douglas’ books have been translated into eleven languages
- Film rights to *Costa Banana* have been sold to Phanta Vision and film rights to *The Nasty Swim Coach* have been sold to Room for Film
- Over 300,000 copies sold of Jozua Douglas’ books in the Netherlands
- Stand-alone sequel

Jozua Douglas

## The D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau and the Island Mystery

Latest instalment in the D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. Bureau series



**H**ans Grietje has been missing for a year after vanishing without a trace from Bluesea Island. His disappearance is a mystery, but Mr De Bruin knows exactly what is going on: it is a government plot and he will prove it. Lev refuses to join the search, but when his father disappears too, he is forced to take action. Together with his friends, he tries to find out what happened to his father and Hans Grietje.

### REVIEWS ON THE D.E.T.E.C.T.I.V.E. BUREAU AND THE BOOK MAFIA:

- ‘This book is classic Jozua Douglas, packed with craziness, bizarre characters and plenty of plot twists.’ – *Kidsweek*
- ‘A wonderfully relaxed and enjoyable story that will keep you grinning from start to finish’ – NBD Biblion

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 30,000 sold in the series
- The first and second instalment in the series were nominated for the Dutch Children’s Jury Award in 2022 & 2023
- Stand-alone sequel

Age: 8+ | 256 pages

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English sample translation available

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# Niki Smit

**Niki Smit is a highly acclaimed writer and illustrator. Ten books from the 100% series, incredibly popular among girls, have been nominated for the Dutch Children's Jury Award, which was won by 100% Coco in 2014. In 2015, Niki received the Feather in the Cap for 100% Coco Paris. Moreover, she was also awarded the Hotze de Roos Prize for her debut 100% Nina.**

**Niki's books 100% Coco and 100% Coco New York have successfully been adapted for the screen. The film 100% Coco won the Cinekid Leeuw Public Award for best Dutch family film and the Kinderfilmfest Audience Award 2018 at Filmfest München. It was also broadcast in Germany, Poland, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France.**

**Over 420,000 copies of Niki Smit's books have been sold in the Netherlands**

**The series has appeared in translation in German**

## **PRAISE FOR NIKI SMIT:**

- 'Girls are massively crazy about the creator of the 100% series.' – *Algemeen Dagblad*
- 'The popular 100% series is eaten up by girls aged eleven and older' – NBD Biblion

# Niki Smit

## Oh La La Mila

For fans of *Emily in Paris*



**M**ila lives with her father in Hotel Costes in Paris. She is madly in love with her boyfriend Nino, a singer in a popular band. However, her romantic #summergoals are shattered when Nino confesses that he is joining the new season of dating show *The Bachelor Junior*. Suddenly, her own boyfriend is the hottest 'single' guy in Paris. #stresses!

But Mila is determined to come up with new goals for the summer. Like designing a red-carpet dress for a world-famous star... #OHLALA!

Do you want to know how Nino and Mila fell in love? Then read *100% Mila* first. *Oh La La Mila* is the sequel but both books can be read separately.



### REVIEWS OF NIKI SMIT'S WORK:

- 'Niki Smit's exuberant writing style flows off the page.' – Chicklit.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 420,000 copies sold of Niki Smit's books!
- *Emily in Paris* for teenagers
- With eye-catching illustrations by Heather Lafleur, totally fresh and modern!
- For *100% Coco* Niki Smit won the Dutch Children's Jury Award
- The *100% Coco* films have been a huge success, including on streaming services Netflix and Videoland

Age: 10+ | 192 pages  
Rights available: worldwide  
English sample translation available

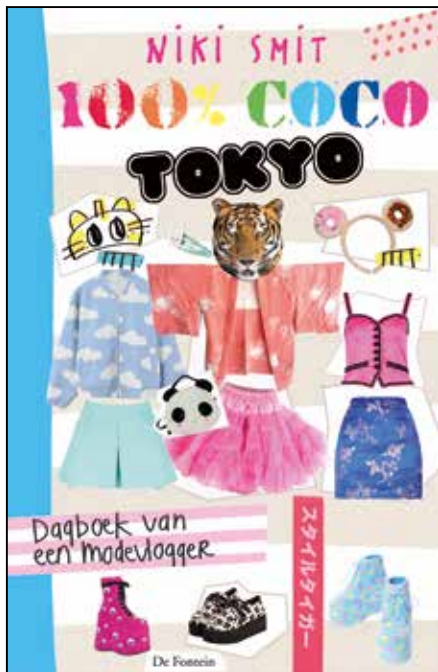
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# Niki Smit

## 100% Coco Tokyo

The Style Tiger goes to 東京, Tokyo!



Coco travels to Japan to participate in the Big Kawaii Show! On this TV show, five candidates compete for the title of cutest outfit designer. Together with her new fashion friend Colette, Coco plunges into the world of kimonos, unicorns, Harajuku Girls and sushi. She soon develops a crush on Japanese boy Yuki. But is Yuki as cute as he looks? Or is Bruno still her great love? And is Bruno still 100% committed to Coco?

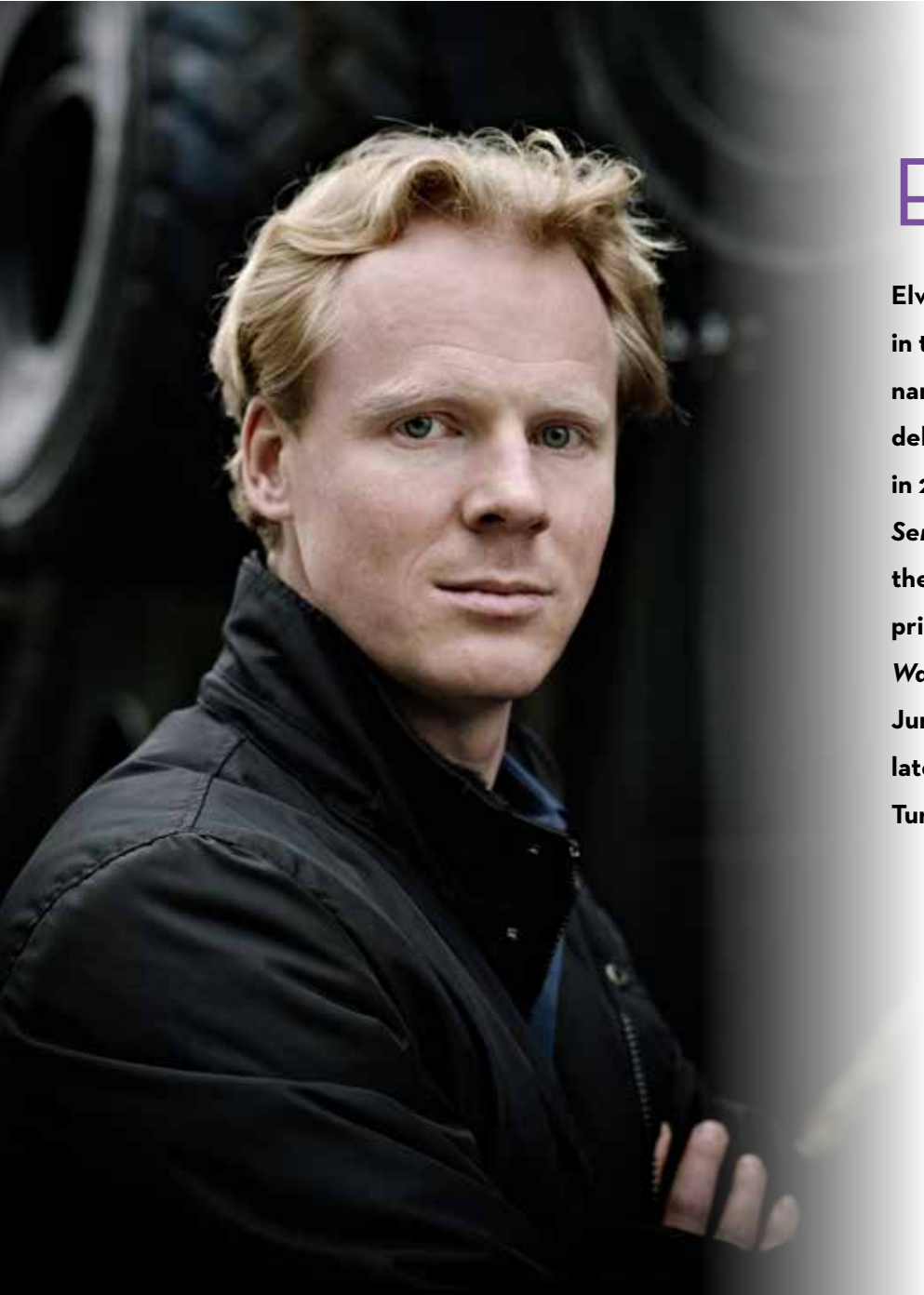
### REVIEWS OF NIKI SMIT'S WORK:

- 'Jury members thought this book was the best written of all nominated books. It is plausible, it matches with their own experiences, and it has even taught the jury members a thing or two.' – Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury, jury's report.
- 'Are you crazy about fashion? Then this book is for you!' – *MEIDEN* magazine

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 420,000 copies of the series sold
- *100% Coco* was awarded the Dutch Children's Jury Award
- *100% Coco Paris* and *100% Coco New York* have been successfully adapted for film
- *100% Coco* the film was broadcast in Germany, Poland, Italy, Scandinavia, Belgium and France
- Named Recommended Read by the Dutch Children's Jury 2021





# Elvin Post

Elvin Post has made a name for himself in the Netherlands as an extraordinary thriller author. He was the first debut author to win the Golden Noose in 2004 for *Green Friday*. For *Room Service* he received the Diamond Bullet, the most prestigious Flemish thriller prize. Moreover, his first YA thriller, *No Way Back*, was nominated for the Young Jury Award. His work has been translated into German, French, Spanish, Turkish, Hebrew and Indonesian.

## PRAISE FOR ELVIN POST'S PREVIOUS WORK:

- 'The cinematic style makes Elvin Post one of the most original Dutch thriller writers.' – *Trouw*
- 'The best Dutch speaking thriller writer.' – *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'He's the crème de la crème of thriller writers.' – *De Telegraaf*
- 'It is remarkable how quickly Post manages to establish all the characters involved. [...] The murderer's identity remains a mystery until the very end.' – *VN Detective & Thrillergids 2021* on *The Course*
- 'The dialogues are sharp and natural, the writing is smooth and fluent, and the narrative arc is skillfully constructed. This is a writer with international allure. In America, they'd be shouting: Elvin Post for President!' – *Hebban.nl*

# Elvin Post

## Catch

Second YA thriller by award-winning author



When introverted Rose gets to know Noah via Catch, a new app for young people, she is on cloud nine. Although they have never met in person, he understands her like no one else and Rose yearns to see him in real life. Meanwhile, two girls are found murdered in the city in quick succession. According to Rose's father, who works at the newspaper, the police suspect that the killer contacts his victims through Catch. Can Rose trust Noah? Or is she making a big mistake by meeting up with him?

### REVIEWS OF ELVIN POST'S WORK:

- 'Catch is a realistic YA thriller that is ideal for both youth and adults (...) The story is very exciting and never gets boring.' – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- 'Elvis Post manages to captivate the reader right from the prologue.' \*\*\*\* – Chicklit on No Way Back
- 'A strong, realistic and relatable story for teenagers. I enjoyed No Way Back!' – Young-adults.nl
- 'Wonderfully suspenseful YA thriller with engaging themes for young people. Highly recommended!' Yvonne van Bussel, Boek & Kantoor De Ganzenveer bookshop on No Way Back

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Elvin Post writes thrillers that are loved by young and old
- Almost 10,000 copies sold of No Way Back
- No Way Back was nominated for the Young Jury Award 2023

# Elvin Post

## No Way Back

**What would you do if you found a bag containing 80,000 euro?**

**Nominated for the Young Jury Award 2023**



While cycling home in the middle of the night, Eva and her friends come across a car parked on the road with its door open. Next to the car, two men are lying dead in a large pool of blood. Just as Eva is about to call the police, Fleur sees a bag of money in the vehicle. Although Eva has a bad feeling about it, her friends take the bag with them. It then turns out that one of the men has survived. And he belongs to a group of dangerous criminals...

*A cold shiver runs through my body whenever I think of the man with the scar. I see his piercing eyes again before me, staring at the students in the schoolyard like caged hyenas at the zoo leer at the visitors behind the fence: ready to tear them to pieces as soon as they get the chance. I then see the following image: Anna, with a bullet hole in her forehead on the ground in a stuffy room, followed by a flash of Fleur, Kim and myself lying in a vacant lot with petrol doused over us.*

### REVIEWS:

- ‘The story reads very nicely and smoothly and is compelling the entire time, I couldn’t stop reading, my attention never waned for a moment. And the story is really super exciting! – Biepmiepje.nl
- ‘The story is exciting, well-crafted and surprising at the end.’ – Young-adults.nl
- ‘Post proves with *No Way Back* that the young adult genre also suits him just fine. Hopefully, this is not a one-off outing.’ – Vrouwenthillers.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Elvin Post: a successful and award-winning thriller author
- First print run already sold out before publication
- Author turns his pen to books for younger readers in addition to adult thrillers

Age: 12+ | 256 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

Translation grant: A translation grant (40-70%) is available.

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# Mel Wallis de Vries



**Mel Wallis de Vries is the most successful YA-thriller author of the moment: she has won numerous awards, including the Best Women's Thriller prize, Best Crimezone YA Thriller Award and various Hebban awards. Moreover, she has won the Young Jury Award seven times between 2012 and 2019. In 2019, Mel chose to stop submitting her books for the award and to become the first Young Jury Ambassador ever. Her books have been adapted for theatre and film.**

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**Mel Wallis de Vries' books are hugely popular and always rank high on bestseller lists. The stories are fluent, realistic, and always exciting until the very last page.**

**Over 500,000 copies of Mel Wallis de Vries' books have been sold**

**Her books have been translated into German (Bastei Lübbe) and Hungarian (Scolar)**

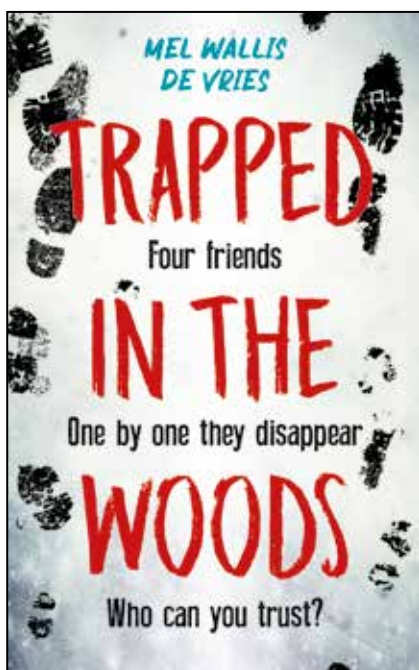
## **PRAISE FOR MEL WALLIS DE VRIES:**

- 'The Nicci French of Dutch Youth Literature' – NBD Biblion
- 'These truly are books that you will want to devour over and over again.' – BezetenBoeken.nl
- 'Mel is by far the best YA writer in the Netherlands.' – Chicklit.nl
- 'Frighteningly exciting until the very last page' – *Fancy*

# Mel Wallis de Vries

## Trapped in the Woods

Bestselling thriller now also available in English



**F**our girls have been friends for years. During the Christmas holidays they rent a cottage in the Ardennes, where they get snowed in. There is no electricity, the mobile network is down and the nearest house is miles away. The girls have a good laugh about their situation until Maud disappears after an argument. And soon after that, Fay goes missing too. Concern quickly turns to fear when Abby and Pippa spot a trail of blood in the snow. Do the girls really know each other as well as they think?

### REVIEWS:

- ‘Incredibly clever and impressive that the author can create such a story in only about 50,000 words. A rock-solid thriller!’ – Thrillersandmore.nl
- ‘The thing about the book that struck me is that it is very realistic. Not only exciting things happen in a house, where the girls disappear one by one, but it also talks about normal things like going on holidays together and doing cosy activities with friends.’ – Hebban.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Mel Wallis de Vries is a bestselling author both nationally and internationally
- More than 500.000 sold copies in the Netherlands
- Settings and interactions that teenagers can easily identify with
- Insanely exciting, bloodcurdling and surprising

Age: 13+ | 288 pages

Rights sold: Germany (Bastei Lübbe),  
Hungary (Scolar)

English translation available

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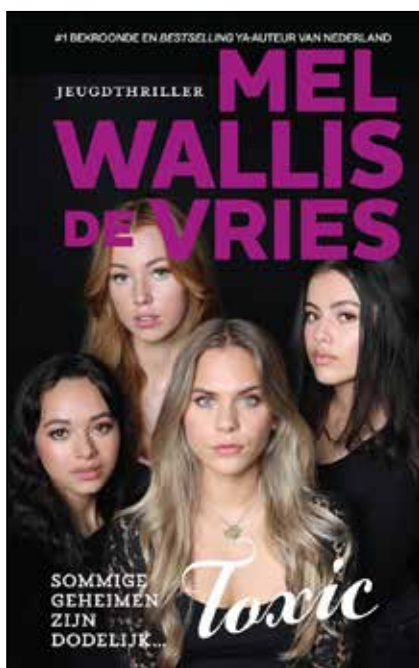
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# Mel Wallis de Vries

## Toxic

The new thriller by renowned author Mel Wallis de Vries

Some secrets and lies are deadly...



Charlie has everything: she is popular, pretty... and she has a secret. But just before her seventeenth birthday, she wakes up in a dark room. She has no idea what has happened. On the wall she sees a list of sixteen names. Then she hears a voice that says: 'It's about to start. Don't try to escape! You won't survive it, just like all the other girls...' As time runs out, disbelief turns into panic. Can Charlie still escape? Or will she become the next name on the wall?

### PRAISE FOR MEL WALLIS DE VRIES:

- 'Escape by Mel Wallis de Vries is an incredibly strong YA thriller. The author manages to write in an incredibly exciting way, keeping you constantly on the edge of your seat. (...) The ending is unexpected and certainly young people will close the book with an open mouth.' – Chicklit.nl
- 'With well-built suspense and a surprising plot twist, the pieces of the puzzle don't fall together until the very end!' – Hebban.nl on *Exit*
- 'Always while reading Mel Wallis de Vries' YA thrillers, I am transported back to my teenage years. Mel can convey this feeling to the reader like no other.' – Thrillersandmore.nl

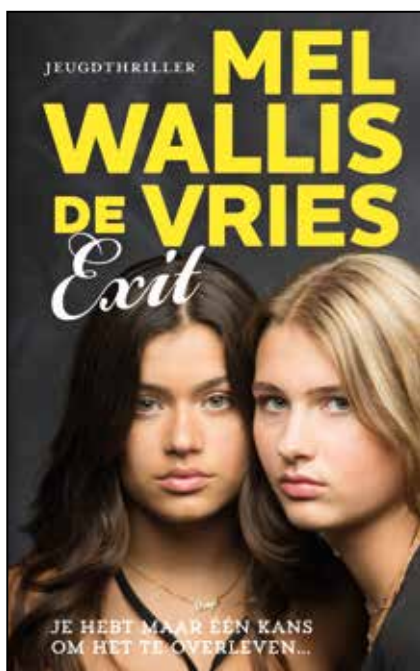
### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Mel Wallis de Vries is a bestselling author both nationally and internationally
- More than 500.000 sold copies in the Netherlands
- Entertaining for boys and girls alike!

# Mel Wallis de Vries

## Exit

**Victim and perpetrator. You will be both...**



**T**hey did nothing wrong, they are innocent. Yet they pay a terrible price.

An accident, a disappearance, a fatal fall. Have you ever wondered what lies behind all these news reports? They tell a story. Our story. A story you will never forget. You forward the message, mindlessly thinking that is was nothing important. But you are wrong... You have just killed someone.

### PRAISE FOR MEL WALLIS DE VRIES:

- ‘A contemporary story that will definitely appeal to its target audience (aged 12 and up)!’ – Hebban.nl on *Exit*
- ‘The events the young people in this story experience are so terrifying that readers will be kept on the edge of their seats.’ – Vrouwenthillers.nl on *No Way Out*

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Attractive design
- Book trailer available
- Over 500,000 copies sold of Mel Wallis de Vries’ work!
- Other thrillers by the same author have been adapted for theatre and film

Age: 13+ | 228 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

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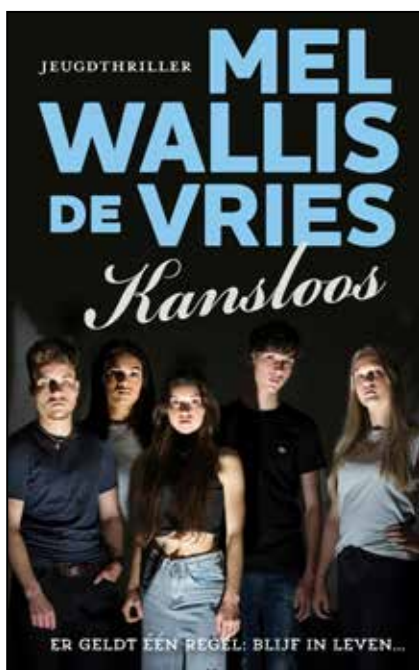
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# Mel Wallis de Vries

## No Way Out

Exciting thriller from seven-time winner of the Young Jury Award



Six teenagers are staying in a holiday home. Out of the blue, they receive a message. The anonymous sender warns them that they must remain inside in order to survive.

*Never go out, always tell the truth, and stay alive.*

It seems like a sick joke, but it soon becomes clear that they will have to fight for their lives in a world of fear and isolation. They must reveal everything about themselves, including their secrets... There is only one rule in the house: stay alive...

### REVIEWS:

- ‘Wallis de Vries manages not only to tell the story in a cinematic manner, but also to let emotion shine through in her sentences. [...] With *No Way Out*, Mel Wallis de Vries has written a story that is not only exciting, but that will also stay with the reader for a long time. Highly recommended for both young and old.’ – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- ‘What I always really like about Mel’s books is that it doesn’t matter whether you belong to the target group (from 13 onwards) or (like me) are a lot older, the stories remain exciting and you can recognise yourself in them and understand things as if you were going through them yourself.’ – Bezetenboeken.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Attractive design
- Book trailer available
- Over 500,000 copies sold of Mel Wallis de Vries’ work!



A portrait of Margje Woodrow, a woman with long, wavy, light-colored hair, smiling and looking slightly to the right. She is wearing a bright yellow long-sleeved top and a necklace. The background is a dark brick wall.

# Margje Woodrow

**Margje Woodrow worked as an 8th grade teacher for many years. She is now a full-time writer, next to giving lectures and workshops in high schools. For her book *Fake Trip* she was awarded the Young Jury Award in 2021. She had previously been a finalist with *Snitch*.**

***Ruined* has been translated into German (Bastei Lübbe)**

**Over 55,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow's books in The Netherlands**

## **PRAISE FOR MARGJE WOODROW:**

- 'Overwhelmingly thrilling' – Young Jury Award, jury report
- 'A bloodcurdling YA thriller. Woodrow knows what will keep teens hooked.' \*\*\*\*\* – Lees.bol.com
- 'Nail-bitingly exciting' – Dutch Children's Jury
- 'Brilliantly written and full of suspense' – Mustreadsornot.com
- 'A signature of Margje Woodrow's books is that, as a reader, you continuously have a different suspect in mind, but through various twists and turns she ensures that you only find out at the very last minute who the real perpetrator is.' \*\*\*\* – Vrouwenthrillers.nl

# Margje Woodrow

## Fake Trip

**Bestselling thriller now also available in English**

**A school trip to Barcelona gone wrong...**



While everyone is hoping to relax on the beach and secretly explore the nightlife on their fourday school trip to Barcelona, the schedule unfortunately includes a number of mandatory excursions. When a horrible accident happens in the Sagrada Familia, secrets are exposed at a dizzying pace. Gruesome details are spread via social media, but what is real and what isn't?

### REVIEWS OF MARGJE WOODROW'S WORK:

- 'In *Fake trip*, Woodrow manages to articulate contemporary struggles very well. Important topics that teenagers have to face, such as abuse, racism and poverty, are aptly addressed.' – Thrillersandmore.nl
- 'Margje's short chapters and smooth writing style ensure that one keeps on reading and also easily gets back into the story after a break. Definitely recommended.' – Vrouwenthrillers.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Winner of the Young Jury Award 2021
- Familiar situations that teenagers can easily identify with
- Written in accessible and engaging language for teenagers
- Over 55,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow's books in the Netherlands

# Margje Woodrow

## Hangover

**New YA thriller by the winner of the Young Jury Award**

**Who murdered Chloë?**



**H**ow could this party get so out of control? When the family she nannies for goes on holiday, 16-year-old Teddy gets to look after their house for a fortnight. Her friend from hockey, Chloë, persuades her to throw a big party. The day after, everyone is hungover – from the booze, but also from the havoc they wreaked. Then comes the terrible news that Chloë’s body has been found. Who had it in for Chloë, and why? Slowly it becomes clear that the hockey friends cannot trust anyone – not even each other.

### REVIEWS OF MARGJE WOODROW’S WORK:

- ‘Spine-chilling suspense to the very last letter’ – Hebban.nl
- ‘Margje Woodrow excels at strong characterisation’ – Leesmeemetmij.be
- ‘What a wonderful YA thriller’ – Valeries (Reader from Boekenwereld)
- ‘Woodrow knows what makes teenagers tick.’ – Lees.bol.com

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- A podcast based on this title was published in Summer 2023 and has already been streamed over 132,000 times
- Over 55,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow’s books
- Perfect for both girls and boys
- Author is the winner of the Young Jury Award 2021

Age 13+ | 196 pages

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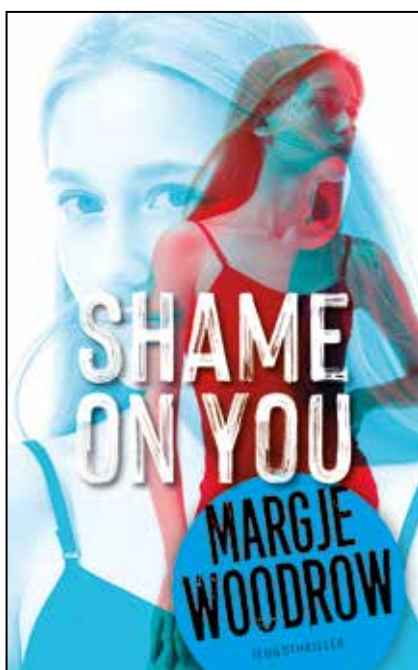
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# Margje Woodrow

## Shame on You

**Exciting thriller about a vacation turned nightmare**



A group of friends book a last-minute break in a lodge at Center Parcs. But their chill weekend soon turns into a nightmare. Somebody thinks the group should be ashamed of themselves. For what? They have no idea. What does become clear is that they will have to pay, one way or another. And there is no escape.

### REVIEWS:

- ‘*Shame on You* gobbles up the reader from page one and won’t let go until the culprit is found. Another fine youth thriller by Margje Woodrow.’ – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- ‘*Shame on You* is another rock-solid youth thriller with a message. The book possesses enough suspense that you read it smoothly and has a fun, interactive reading style that will definitely be appreciated.’ – Youngadults.nl
- ‘Apart from being an exciting youth thriller, Margje Woodrow has also dealt with themes that affect adolescents. And these are not the least: bullying, fatshaming, grieving, illness. Falling in love is also covered, as is heartbreak. Woodrow has subtly incorporated these themes into the story. Everything together forms a fitting whole, but the main focus is the suspense and finding the culprit.’ – Chicklit.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 55,000 copies sold of Margje Woodrow’s books
- Perfect for both girls and boys
- Author is the winner of the Young Jury Award 2021



# Eva Burgers

**Eva Burgers worked as a major crime detective for years. In her YA thrillers she combines her professional expertise with her writing talents. Alongside fiction, Eva also conceives ideathats and writes for TV programmes. Her latest thriller *Despair* was nominated for the Young Jury Award.**

**30,000 copies sold of Eva Burgers' books in the Netherlands**

## **PRAISE FOR EVA BURGERS:**

- 'Eva Burgers knows how to write an exciting story. A thriller you will want to read in one sitting.' – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- 'You can tell throughout the story that not only was author Eva Burgers once a detective, but she also works for television. Her action-packed thriller reads like a charm.' – NBD Biblion
- 'Even a seasoned reader will get stuck on at least two suspects.' – *De Telegraaf*
- 'Burgers has taken her place among the heroines of youth thrillers.' – *Boekenkrant*

# Eva Burgers

## Despair

**Former detective Eva Burgers knows how to write an exciting thriller**



Olivia has doubts about her relationship with Roan, and to his despair she decides to go off to Paris for six months. By the time she finds a job at the Shakespeare and Company bookshop in Paris and becomes friends with Susan and Lizzy, she has almost forgotten him. That is until she starts receiving anonymous threatening messages. When someone follows her home one night, she no longer feels safe. Has Roan followed her to Paris? Just as the police decide to take action, Olivia disappears without a trace.

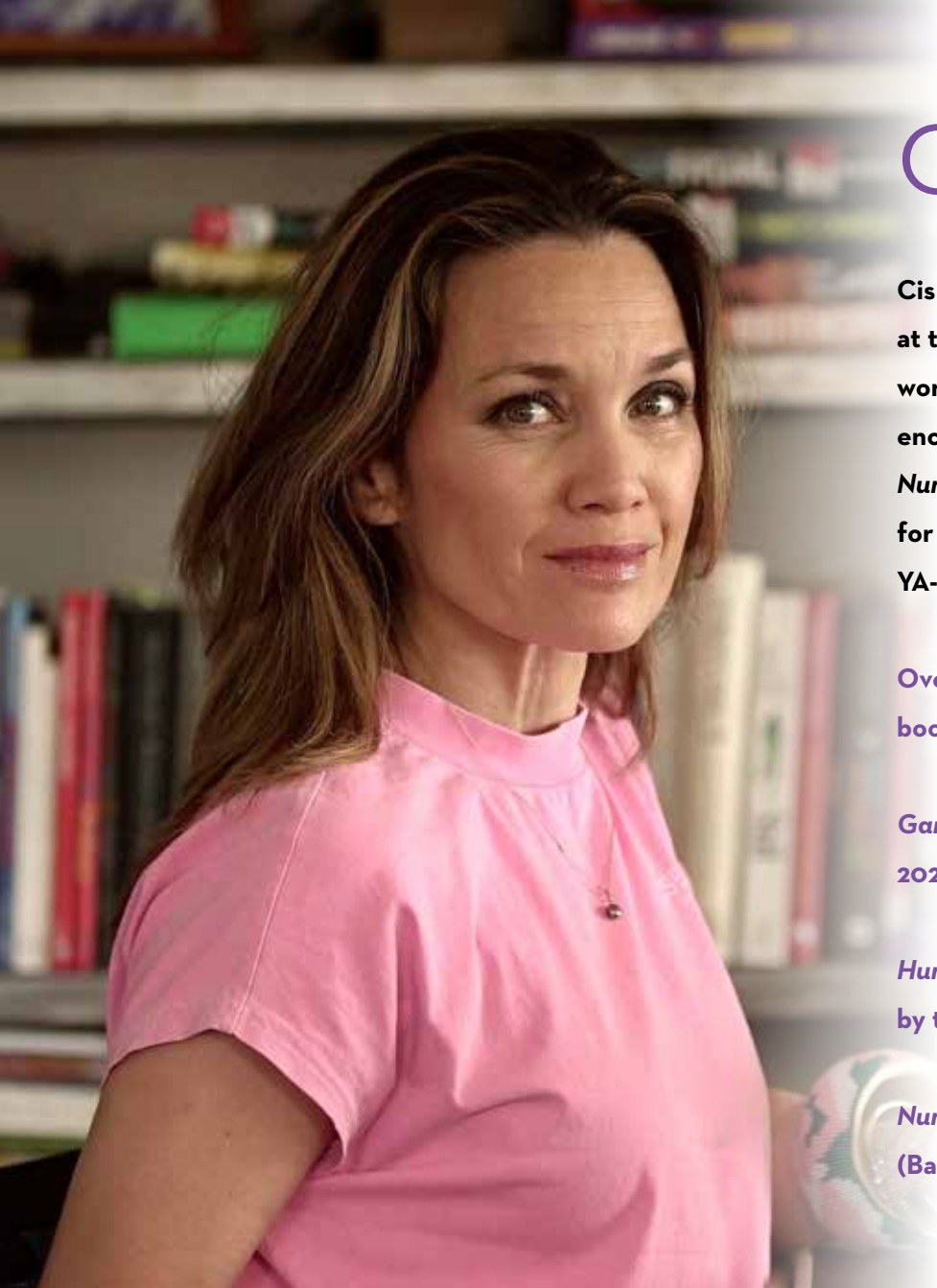
*A gentle rain started falling as Olivia neared her home. A harsh gust of wind put her senses on edge. Slowly, she pushed the door open. She considered locking it immediately, but if there was someone there, she wanted to keep an escape route open. She would lock it later, if it turned out that nothing was amiss. The garden was dark, but the light by the front door was on. Olivia walked a few steps and stopped in her tracks. Hadn't she turned the outside light off?*

### REVIEWS:

- 'A mystery you just *have* to solve!' – Bol.com
- 'As a former detective, Eva Burgers knows what she is writing about, and that is definitely evident in *Despair*. Her writing style is nice, smooth and evocative. I don't think this will be my last Eva Burgers book!' – Thrillersandmore.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Nominated for the Young Jury Award
- Ex-detective Eva Burgers knows what she's writing about
- Tense psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat
- Burgers has already sold 30,000 YA thriller books



# Cis Meijer

**Cis Meijer studied film and television at the University of Amsterdam and works as a film editor. Her experience as a model inspired her to write *Numb*, for which she was nominated for the Hebban Award for best (Dutch) YA-thriller in 2014.**

**Over 85,000 copies sold of Cis Meijer's books in The Netherlands**

***Game On* won the Young Jury Award 2023**

***Hunt* was named Recommended Read by the Young Jury 2021**

***Numb* has been translated into German (Bastei Lübbe)**

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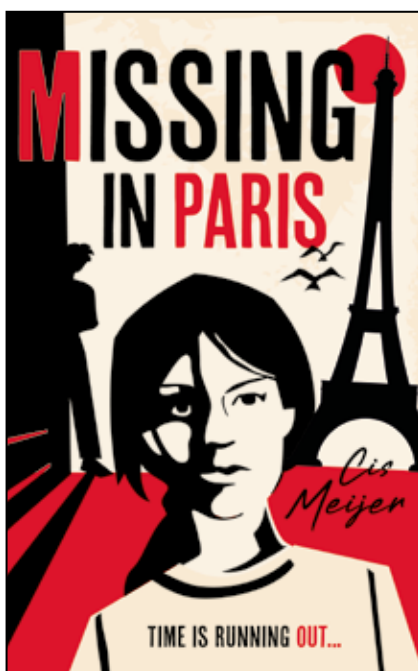
## **PRAISE FOR CIS MEIJER:**

- 'Teenagers will lap up this story.' – Boekenbijlage.nl
- 'A very convincing YA thriller. Packed with suspense to the very last page.' – Pluizer.be
- 'Once again, Cis Meijer has managed to write an extremely suspenseful YA thriller in which emotions run high.' – Vrouwenthrillers.nl
- 'The unravelling of the plot is literally horribly exciting.' – NBD Biblion

# Cis Meijer

## Missing in Paris

Bestselling thriller now also available in English



*Rule 1: trust nobody*  
*Rule 2: always be careful*  
*As a girl alone, you're not safe here.*

Lottie becomes suspicious when she unexpectedly receives a postcard from her sister Nina, who has gone to Paris to work as a fashion model. On the card, she discovers a secret cry for help. Lottie immediately heads for Paris. That's the beginning of a desperate search. Lottie finds herself in a life-threatening situation, but nobody believes her when she says Nina needs help. While time is running out, Lottie discovers the dark side of the Parisian art world. Will she find Nina before it's too late?

### REVIEWS:

- “Highly recommended for anyone who wants to be a detective at heart.” - Zonenmaan.nl
- A nice mix of suspense, unpredictability and topical themes’ – Vrouwenthrillers.nl on *Blackmail*
- ‘Incredibly exciting to the very last page’ – Pluizer.be on *Numb*

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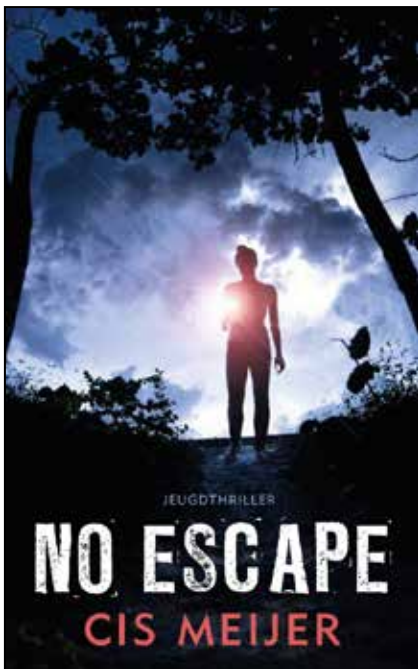
- A thrilling adventure through Paris
- Written in accessible and engaging language for teenagers
- Author won the Young Jury Award 2023
- *Hunt* by Cis Meijer named Recommended Read by the Young Jury 2021



# Cis Meijer

## No Escape

**A new thrilling page turner**



When Ivy's favourite teacher disappears after sending the school a playful goodbye email, everyone thinks it is a brilliant joke. But Ivy is suspicious, because he had promised to help her prepare for the upcoming test. When her cousin Bella also vanishes without a trace after a hypnosis act at the school party, Ivy decides to investigate. She discovers a fake photo showing her kissing Bella's crush. Bizarre! Is someone trying to destroy their friendship? And does Bella's disappearance have anything to do with that of their teacher?

### REVIEWS:

- 'Wow! What a wonderfully compelling, smooth and lively writing style Cis Meijer has. From the very first page, I was effortlessly sucked into the strong and greatly exciting plot. She manages to create an enormously realistic and contemporary story through her lively and strong dialogues. She has perfectly matched the characters with realistic experiences on TikTok and Whatsapp.' – Happykim.nl

### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Suspenseful thriller with topical issues: FOMO, pressure to achieve, environmental activism
- Also suitable for boys
- Multiple books by Cis Meijer have been nominated for the Young Jury Award, which she won with her most recent title *Game On*

Age: 13+ | 240 pages

Rights available: worldwide

English sample translation available

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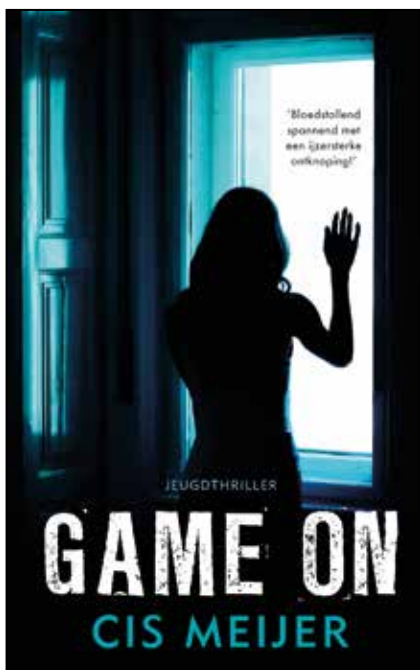
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# Cis Meijer

## Game On

Winner of the Young Jury Award 2023

How far will you go for your friends?



Five friends receive a mysterious invitation to take part in a game: pretty Eline, curious Noor, ambitious Shanna, sociable Daan and sporty Jordi. The final will be held in a remote country house. Game on!

But the invitation turns out to be the start of a macabre game: when Shanna disappears without a trace, the other four have no choice but to participate to save their friend. How far are they willing to go for her? Who is out to get them, and why?

No fear. No limits. No excuses...

### REVIEWS:

- 'The writing style is fluent, there are recognisable themes and the tension is built up well. This makes *Game On* a fine, exciting youth thriller, but also great reading for the adult lover of youth thrillers!' – Hebban.nl
- 'A page-turner for young thriller lovers' – NBD Biblion
- '*Game On* is a story that makes young readers more aware of their surroundings, fellow human beings, and what is happening around them.' – Thrillzone.nl

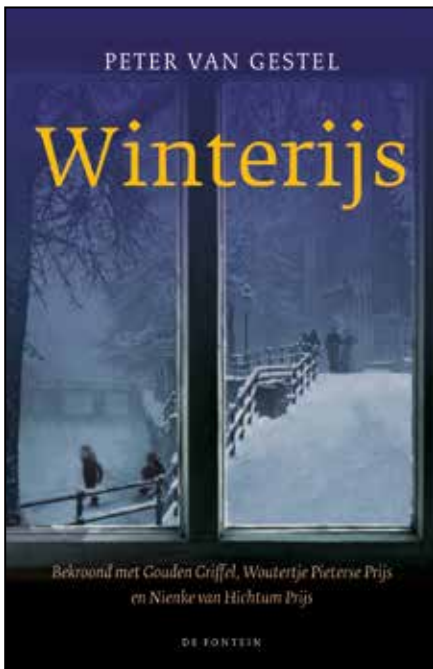
### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- 85.000 copies sold of Cis Meijer's books
- Also suitable for boys
- Video trailer and study pack available

# Peter van Gestel

## Winter Ice

### Multiple award-winning literary young adult novel



**P**ost-war Amsterdam, 1947. During a long, hot summer, 10-year-old Thomas wanders through the city all by himself. He looks back on the coldest and longest winter ever. His mother has died; his father is an artist who can barely make a living. Then Thomas befriends a Jewish boy called Zwaan and Zwaan's cousin. Thomas gradually discovers the scars the war has left on their lives, which considerably changes his own life.

The expressive detail and the constant changes in time and place create a three-dimensional map of post-war Amsterdam, including the smells and colours of a crowded classroom, the solid cold snow on the canals, the slippery ice of the Amstel river and the double bed in which Thomas and Zwaan sleep. The underlying emotions are timeless: children like Thomas are still bullied because they are different. Children and adults alike still suffer in silence, unable to share their emotions. This tale of a child who is physically and emotionally neglected deserves a place amongst the great classics.

#### REVIEWS:

- 'A masterpiece' – *NRC Handelsblad*
- 'A beautiful story about two friends growing up' – *De Limburger*
- 'A beautiful story about friendship and love' – *de Volkskrant*

#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS:

- Over 50,000 copies of *Winter Ice* sold
- *Winter Ice* is a three-time award winner:
  - Winner of the 2002 Golden Slate Pencil: most prestigious children's book prize in the Netherlands
  - Winner of the 2002 Woutertje Pieterse Award: Dutch literary critics award
  - Winner of the 2003 Nienke van Hichtum Award: for 13+ literature

Age: 12+ | 256 pages

Sold to: Germany (Beltz & Gelberg), France (Gallimard), Italy (Feltrinelli), Russia & Ukraine (Samokat), China (Zhejiang), Korea (Momo Agency), Spanish-speaking South America (Panamericana Editorial)

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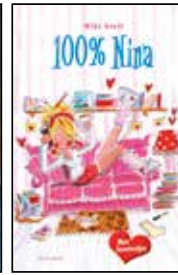
Jozua Douglas *The Nasty Swim Coach*



Jozua Douglas *The Terrible Twins*



Jozua Douglas *Knight of the Sewers*



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Koos Meinderts *May She Live Happily Ever After*



Koos Meinderts *Seeing the Sea*



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Marcel van Driel *Superheroes.nl series*



Eva Burgers *Conspiracy*



Eva Burgers *Fatal*



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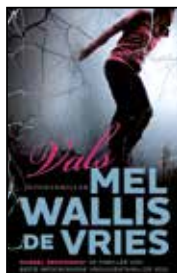
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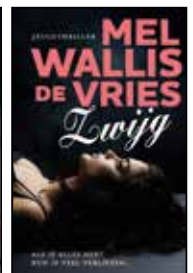
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Mel Wallis de Vries *Stuck*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Trapped*



Mel Wallis de Vries *Wild*



Margje Woodrow *Offside*



Margje Woodrow *Ruined*



Margje Woodrow *Smash*



Margje Woodrow *Snitch*

# Glossary

**BOOK LION** (Boekenleeuw) is a major Belgian prize awarded annually for the best book of the year.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK** (Kinderboekenweek) is an annual ten-day event held every October in the Netherlands to promote children's books. It is organised by the Foundation for the Collective Promotion of the Dutch Book (CPNB). A reading list with featured titles is compiled based on a theme that changes yearly.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE AWARD** (Kinderboekwinkelprijs) is awarded annually by children's bookstores in the Netherlands to the best children's book that has not already received other awards.

**DIORAPHTE LITERATOUR PRIZE** is awarded annually to the best literary young adult novel.

**DUTCH CHILDREN'S JURY AWARD** (Prijs van de Nederlandse Kinderjury) is awarded annually. Dutch children between the ages of six and twelve vote for their favourite book of the year.

**FEATHER IN THE CAP** (Pluim van de Senaat) is an honourable mention by the Senate of the Dutch Children's Jury. The Senate chooses their favourite book from the shortlist for the Dutch Children's Jury Award.

**FLAG & PENNANT** (Vlag & Wimpel) is an honourable mention for children's literature given by the Golden Paintbrush Jury for illustrations and the Golden Slate Pencil Jury for writing. Books translated into Dutch and foreign illustrators are eligible.

**FLEMISH CHILDREN'S JURY AWARD** (Kinderen Jeugdjury Vlaanderen) is awarded annually. Flemish children between the ages of four and sixteen vote for their favourite book of the year.

**GOLDEN PAINTBRUSH** (Gouden Penseel) is awarded annually by the CPNB to the best illustrated Dutch children's book of the year. Two **SILVER PAINTBRUSHES** (Zilveren Penselen) are also awarded to the best illustrated children's books published in the Netherlands.

**GOLDEN SLATE PENCIL** (Gouden Griffel) is a major prize awarded annually during Children's Book Week (Kinderboekenweek) by the CPNB for the best book of the year. Only books originally written in Dutch are eligible. Translated works are eligible for a

**SILVER SLATE PENCIL** (Zilveren Griffel), which is awarded annually.

**HEBBAN CRIMEZONE YA THRILLER AWARD** is awarded annually to the best YA thriller. Readers vote for their favourite book of the year.

**HEBBAN YOUNG ADULT AWARD** is awarded annually to the best YA book. Readers vote for their favourite book of the year.

**HOTZE DE ROOS PRIZE** is awarded annually to a first-time children's author for their debut.

**NIENKE VAN HICHTUM AWARD** is a biannual literary prize for books written for children age thirteen and over.

**WOUTERTJE PIETERSE AWARD** is awarded annually, by the Dutch Foundation of the same name, to the best Dutch children's book released in the previous year. The jury is comprised of literary critics.

**YOUNG JURY AWARD** (Prijs van de Jonge Jury) is awarded annually. Dutch young people between the ages of twelve and sixteen vote for their favourite book of the year.

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